



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
AKIHIRO KOHNO, et al.)
Application No.: 09/358,933)
Filed: July 23, 1999)
For: COMMUNICATION)
APPARATUS AND METHOD,)
AND STORAGE MEDIUM)
Examiner: Richard J. Lee
Group Art Unit: 2613
March 20, 2006 (Monday)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

Prior to further examination of the above-identified application for which a Request For Continued Examination has been filed, and in response to the final Office Action dated September 19, 2005, the period for response to which having been extended to March 19, 2006 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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